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Chief, Foreign Branch "M"
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Operational
 Ham Radio Training for [] []

GDS No. 25

1. As you were advised in NGKA-9947 and NGKA-9880 we have added to the KIBITZ program a sub-project to win over radio hams to provide us with intelligence in the period immediately following an outbreak of hostilities. To implement the recruitment of such hams it was deemed desirable to have personnel not only fully conversant with ham techniques and training but also it was tentatively planned to set up an amateur ham station to obtain contacts and a judge of proficiency among these hams. With this in mind and since [] [], who previously held an amateur license himself, did not have the time to take a brush-up course and go on the air, we had already committed [] []'s Field Assistant, to the Constabulary Signal Corps school at Stuttgart which is set up to train American ham operators and give them proficiency tests. [] [], in addition to such formalized training as he can procure consistent with his assigned duties, has also engaged in serious home training in an attempt to get on the air as quickly as possible. We had tentatively planned for [] [] to achieve the desired proficiency about the middle of October and intended to clear the whole idea with you prior to that time.

2. We request, therefore, that consideration be given to making an exception to GDS No. 25 in this case in the interest of this phase of the KIBITZ program. The advantages we hope to gain from it are

- a. a widespread contact among German hams, i.e. potential recruits for this short-term KIBITZ program;
- b. to have recognized American ham thoroughly conversant with problems facing German hams today who would be able to make preliminary contacts and assist [] [] who is also conversant in this matter in recruiting;

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- c. to achieve cover for the preliminary contacts with hams; i.e. the usual ham technical talk on items of mutual interest.

3. Since this part of the project was in its initial stages we have not yet decided as to the location of the ham set to be operated by [] but believe it should be placed in a neutral spot in the Stuttgart/Ludwigsburg area. Also desirable might be the establishment of a loose cover for [] in the Stuttgart Military Post where casual queries by hams with whom he is in contact could be handled. We would naturally take all precautions to camouflage his connections with this organization in this matter. [] would of course operate under the strict supervision of [] .

4. We await your advice in this matter.

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Chief, KGB

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